Constitution of State Cadres of all India Services

*235 SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed any guidelines for constituting State Cadres of All India Services; and

(b) if so, the details of these guidelines and other acts, rules or regulations applicable to the formation of State Cadres of All India Services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The respective Cadre Rules relating to the All India Services framed under Section 3 of the All India Services Act,1951 provide that "There shall be constituted for each State or group of States" an Indian Administrative Service an India Police Service and an Indian Forest Service cadre.

Accordingly, a cadre has been constituted for each State with the following exceptions:

(i) The Assam-Meghalaya and Manipur-Tripura cadres have been constituted as joint cadres under the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.

(ii) The AGMU Cadre Comprising of the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Mizoram alongwith the Union Territories. The three States were part of the erstwhile Union Territories Cadre before their formation and now continue to be so with a modified nomenclature.

Exclusion of note portion from Right to Information Act

*236. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Right to Information Act which has become operative now, to exclude file notings by bureaucrats to be kept away from public gaze;

(b) whether the Central Vigilance Commission which has vetted the draft Bill of RTI Act expressed that file notings are not secretive or sacrosanct as to be excluded from the purview of the Act;

(c) whether the bureaucracy is set to dilute the content and efficacy of the RTI Act purposely enacted to lend transparency in public governance;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have also decided to exempt UPSC and other agencies which are involved in conducting public examinations from the RTI Act; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) After consideration of the various aspects of the issue, the Government is of the view that substantive file notings on certain aspects relating to social and developmental issues may be disclosed. Modalities in this regard however, are being worked out in consultation with Minisitry of Law and Justice.

(b) The Right to Information Bill 2004, as introduced by the Government in the Lok Sabha on 23rd December, 2004, was not sent to the Central Vigilance Commission for vetting.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Deterioration of BSNL telephone services in rural areas

*237. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp deterioration of telephone services of BSNL in rural areas;

(b) if so, to what extent the poor and sub-standard services has affected BSNL;

(c) whether Government have any mechanism to assess the quality of service of BSNL in rural areas;

(d) what steps are proposed to improve the services of BSNL in rural areas; and

(e) the reasons for lack of motivation in BSNL management?